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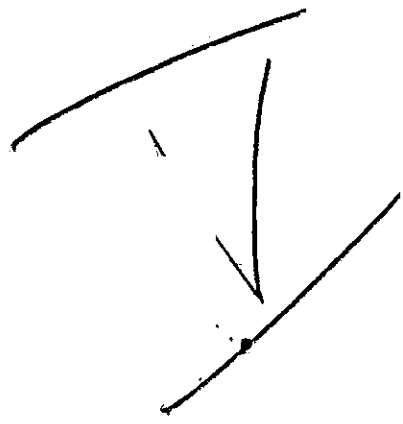

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GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

Public Works Department.

Resolution No.8954/36.

Bombay Castle, 5th July 1948.

Extract paragraphs 3 and 4 of the letter No.A/262, dated the 15th September 1947, from the Additional Assistant to the Inspector General of Police, Ante-corruption Branch, Poona, as Under:-

"3. The present practice of making payments to the persons employed on Public Works Department work is that the signature of thumb impressions of workers are not at all taken on pay-sheets in token of their having received payments. The Sub-divisional Officer only initials the payment. This is taken as sufficient authority that payment has been made to the persons concerned. In my opinion this is a defective system and gives scope to a dishonest officer to defraud Government to the extent he may consider it safe and proper without being detected. I therefore request that this practice should be discontinued at once and a new prescribed which would preclude the possibility of any defalcation in future in this matter.

"4. In another enquiry conducted by another officer of my branch, it was found that several labourers could not be traced locally. The explanation given by the Public Works Department staff is that they were vagrant labourers migrating seasonally from Kathiawar to certain parts of the country in search of work and therefore they cannot be found. As there were no details about their native place, no verification could be undertaken. This explanation may or may not be true, but is certainly very suspicio in view of the disclosures made in the present enquiry. I would therefore suggest that the Public Works Department staff should be directed to maintain a register of the permanent addresses of these temporary employees, so that, in case of doubt, they could be traced to verify the payment debited on their account."

Read Government endorsement No.8954/36-W, dated the 9th October 1947, inviting remarks from the several officers.

Read the remarks offered by the Superintending Engineers of Circles, the Electircal Engineer to Government, the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of Bombay and the Public Health Engineer to Government.

RESOLUTION.-Government is pleased to direct that signature or thumb impression of the workers employed on muster roll on on Public Works Department works should be taken, in future, while making payments in token of their having received the same.

2. Government considers that a register of permanent addresses of the employees engaged on muster roll need not be maintained. Occasional surprise checks by Executive Engineers and introduction of gang system should go a long way to eradicate the evil and this should be done invariably for works carried out departmentally.

By order of the Governor of Bombay,

Sd/- 12/7/48
(K. M. KANTAWALA),
Deputy Secretary to Government.

G.R., No.8954/36, P.W.D., dated the 5th July 1948.

To

The Revenue Department.
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Read Government Resolution No.8954/36, dated the 5th July 1948.

Letter No.7801, dated the 30th July 1948, from the Executive Engineer, Presidency Division to the Superintending Engineer, Bombay Circle, as under :-

"Reference: Government Resolution, Public Works Department No.8954/36, dated the 5th July 1948.

As the muster rolls are written without any space being left for interpolations, there is no sufficient space even in the remarks column to take signatures or thumb impressions of the workmen concerned in token of acknowledgment. I have, therefore, directed my sub Divisional Officers to obtain such acknowledgements (on a stamp wherever necessary) on a separate sheet of paper by giving reference to muster roll No.Serial No. of payee, name of the workmen, the amount due and attach this sheet duly completed to the muster roll concerned to serve as its Acquittance Roll.

As the Government Resolution under reference is not clear on the above point, the Procedure outlined above may please be got recognized by a reference to the Government."

Endorsement No.G-3/7323, dated the 9th August 1948 by the Superintending Engineer, Bombay Circle as under:-

"Copy forwarded, with compliments, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Bombay.

2. The approval of Government may please be obtained to the procedure outlined in the Executive Engineer's letter for the reasons stated therein".

Letter No.G.R.-3/5112, dated the 30th August 1948, from the Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle, as under :-

" Reference: Government Resolution, Public Works Department No.8954/36, dated the 5th July 1948.

2) In view of the orders of Government in the Government Resolution quoted above, the signatures or the thumb impressions

of the labourers have to be taken in the last column of the muster roll from (Public Works Department A/C from No.21 on page 227 of the Bombay Public Works Department Manual, Volume II) which is meant for the dated initials and remarks of the paying officer etc. For this purpose, it has become necy. to have sufficient space between the names which would involve extra us of forms. As an alternative, it is suggested that a new column signature of thumb impression of the person ~~xxxxxx~~ receiving payment may be introduced before the last one. In order to provide space for this insertion, the first column of "Description" may be deleted, as this information required therein can also be given in the existing column 3 of Name etc.

3) If Government approve of this suggestion, it is requested that the Superintendant Government Printing and Stationery, Bombay, may be directed to make the necessary changes in this form while reprinting it."

RESOLUTION: Government is pleased to direct that the names of workmen should be entered in the muster roll on every alternative line and also that the h thumb impression should be staggered to avoid confusion. Care should be taken that ~~xx~~ no interpolations are made in the blank line left for the purpose.

By order of the Governor of Bombay,

Sd/- 22/9
(A. G. Maydeo),
Deputy Secretary to Government

G.R.,P.W.D.,No.8954/36, dated the 24th September 1948.

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